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**Ways & Means Committee**

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**HB 2321**

**Brief Description:** Concerning the sale of liquor-related products in state liquor stores.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Conway and Darneille; by request of Liquor Control Board.

**Brief Summary of Bill**

- Allows the Liquor Control Board to purchase alcohol-related products and sell them in state stores.

**Hearing Date:** 3/25/09

**Staff:** Serah Stetson (786-7109)

**Background:**

The Liquor Control Board (Board) is charged with the administration of the Washington State Liquor Act (Act). As an agency, the Board operates the state liquor stores; oversees contract liquor stores; issues liquor licenses and permits; regulates the manufacture, distribution and sale of beer and wine; enforces liquor and tobacco laws; conducts education; and collects taxes.

Spirits, beer, and wine can be purchased at state liquor stores or contract liquor stores. State liquor stores do not currently have the authority to sell liquor-related products, although contract stores do.

**Summary of Bill:**

The Liquor Control Board is authorized to purchase alcohol-related products and sell them in state stores. Examples of liquor-related products could include but not be limited to: shakers, martini glasses, wine glasses, swizzle sticks, corkscrews, drink recipe books, gift bags or baskets, and bagged ice.

**Appropriation:** None.

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**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.